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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

Psychological Strategy Board

SUBJECT : Revision of PSB D-22 (Middle East)

1. This agency concurs in the revisions proposed in the Cerrigenda to D-22 dated 16 January 1953.

2. One further revision has been suggested which I am forwarding to you for circulation to the other member agencies. In paragraph (5), page 16, we propose that the following be inserted after "...attitudes in the Middle East:" "As a corollary, note has been taken of the ambiguity of the respective military roles and responsibilities of the United States and Great Britain with respect to the defense of the Middle East, which fails to take fully into account the special position of the United States in Greece, Turkey and Saudi Arabia, the decrease in Britain's capabilities to insure the defense of the Middle East from the outset of hostilities, and, particularly, the growing psychological aversion throughout the Middle East to the concept of British responsibility for area defense. These factors should be examined against the requirements of this Plan to help achieve the psychological objectives."

In all other respects the paragraph would remain unchanged.

3. The revision is suggested as a method of emphasizing psychological undertaking contained in paragraph (6), page 8. I understand that the members of the panel were agreeable to the idea of the insertion, but that it was omitted from the plan in the confusion just before the 15 January Board meeting.

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